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METHOD OF MAKING MICROPOROUS  
FILTER MEMBRANE AND SEPARATOR  
EMPLOYING MICROPOROUS FILTER  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992,  
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the documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be  
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